organized attempts to smuggle gold into the country.

Assistance to Tobacco Growers in Andhra Pradesh

2201. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal of Tabacco Board to assist tabacco growers in Andhra Pradesh through fiscal measures; and

(b) if so, the details of policies to ensure better income through fiscal measures for Andhra tabacco growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHR MURTHY): (a) and (b) The informaiton is being collected and to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.

IMF on Interest Rates

2202. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Monetary Fund has asked Indian Government to cut down interest rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Amount of written-off Income Tax

2203. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have written- off a huge amount of Income Tax arrears/dues during the last two years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) The details of cases involving write-off of big amounts are given below:

Sl. No.	Name	Amount
1.	J.R. Motwani	91,74,865
2.	Mohd. Adam peer Mohd. Issak	100,51,000
3.	Late Sh. Gopal Das Gupta	30,68,435
4.	K. Raghunada Rao & Co.	16,79,460
5.	Gwalior Maize Products (P) Ltd.	22,17,007

Drug Trafficking in Channelising Illegal Money

2204. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether corruption and complexity of institutions like banks, public administration are responsible for drug traffickers channelising illegal money in the country as has been brought out in the news-item captioned "Drug trafficking corrupts democracy" appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 13th December, 1994;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) The news item is based on a Press Conference of the Secretary General of Interpol during his visit to India in September, 1994. His reported remarks were of a general nature and not specific to India.

(c) The Government is seized of the potential of money laundering related to narcotics trafficking. The Narcotics Drug & Psychotropic Substances Act provides for tracing, freezing and forfeiture of property derived from illicit drug traffic.

Violation of instructions on GFR

2205. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are instructions in the General Financial Rules of Government

specifically providing that no expenditure shall be incurred which may have the effect of exceeding the total grant or appropriation authorised by Parliament by law for a financial year;

(b) if so the details thereof;

(c) whether these instructions are being flouted by Government Departments without taking any action;

(d) if so, the details of the Departments which violated these instructions in each of the last three years; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to make someone responsible to check these violation effectively; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Rule 71 of the General Financial Rules lays down that no expenditure shall be incurred which may have the effect of exceeding the total grant or appropriation authorised by Parliament by law for a financial year.

(c) Expenditure in excess of the sanctioned provision in a year incurred by a Ministry/ Department is reflected in the Reprots of the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India relating to the accounts of the Union, which are laid before each House of Parliament, under Article 151(1) of the Constitution. These are thereafter examined by the Public Accounts Committee and further action on them as may be recommended by the PAC is taken.

(d) to (f) The Grants of the Ministries/ Departments under which the expenditure exceeded the sanctioned provision in 1990-91 and 1991-92 are given in the Excess Demand statements which were passed by the Lok Sabha on August 8, 1994. The exesses which occurred in 1992-93 as revealed by the Appropriation Accounts are given in the enclosed statement Ministry/Grant-wise. (*see below*) There is a system of internal check in each Ministry/ Department for watching the flow of expenditure against the appropriations sanctioned by the Parliament. This system is working satisfactorily.

Statement

(in thousands of Rs.)

Ministry/ Department	Grant No.	Sanctioned Provision		Excess		For reasons for expleasing Appropriation Accounts for 1993 at pages
		Revenue	Capital	Revenue	Capital	
Agriculture & & cooperation	1-Agriculture. Charged:	...	367,40.00	...	19	22-23
Economic Affairs	25-Department of Economic Affairs Voted:	549,68,00	...	4,77,08	...	84-85
Expenditure	33-Pensions Voted:	682,80,00	...	15,87,72	...	119-12
Surface Transport	75-Roads Voted:	...	542,39.00	...	6,46,17	280-28
Home Affairs	95-Dadra and Nagar Haveli Voted:	...	14,08.00	...	2,58	392
	97-Chandigarh Voted:	238,82,00	...	1,11,77	...	399-40